

## HOUSE BILL NO. 558

INTRODUCED BY H. RASER

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TO NOTIFY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED IN ORDER TO QUALIFY ITS STUDENTS FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE COMPULSORY ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 20-5-109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 20-5-109, MCA, is amended to read:

**"20-5-109. Nonpublic school requirements for compulsory enrollment exemption.** To qualify its students for exemption from compulsory enrollment under 20-5-102, a nonpublic or home school shall:

(1) maintain records on pupil attendance and disease immunization and make the records available to the county superintendent of schools on request;

(2) provide at least 180 days of pupil instruction or the equivalent in accordance with 20-1-301 and 20-1-302;

(3) be housed in a building that complies with applicable local health and safety regulations;

(4) provide an organized course of study that includes instruction in the subjects required of public schools as a basic instructional program pursuant to 20-7-111; and

(5) ~~in the case of home schools,~~ notify the county superintendent of schools, of the county in which the ~~home~~ school is located, in each school fiscal year of the student's attendance at the school."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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